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### IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

RE:

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International Filing Date: June 26, 1999 Priority Date Claimed: July 7, 1998

Applicant: Sulzbach et al.

Title: SELF-DISPERSING HARDENABLE EPOXY RESINS

Applicants' Reference: H 3467 PCT/US

#### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Box PCT Washington, DC 20231

Prior to the calculation of fees and examination of the above-identified national stage application pursuant to the accompanying submission under 35 U.S.C. §371, please

amend the English translation of the International Application submitted herewith, without

prejudice, as follows:

#### In the Specification:

Please amend the instant Specification, without prejudice, as follows:

At page 1, please delete all text above line 10 including the heading "Prior Art", and insert therefor the following:

#### --TITLE OF THE INVENTION

Self-Dispersing, Hardenable Epoxy Resins, Processes for Producing the Same and Methods of Using the Same

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--

At page 3, line 15 thereof, delete "Description of the Invention" and insert

therefor: